Sports Chat . . . *. . . By Chiltern*

Half-Back Line Doubts

TOWN MAY HAVE CHANGES THERE

Just as one swallow does not make a summer, neither does one victory relieve the anxiety felt about the Town's League position, but, at least, it will help to give the team confidence for the trying period which they face.

They will need all the confidence they can muster when they meet on Saturday at White Hart-lane the leaders, Tottenham Hotspur, who are a certainty, if ever there were one, for a place in the First Division next season.

However, matches are not won on reputations, and I expect to see the Town make the Spurs fight all the way for the points.

The Town will not be overawed by the quality of the opposition, and they can take encouragement from the fact that they have never failed to give a good account of themselves at White Hart-lane. Two years ago, too, when the hand of the relegation bogey was beginning to point to them, they picked up two precious points by scoring the only goal at White Hart-lane.

Wing-Half Changes Are Possible

WHILE it was not expected that there would be material changes in the team that beat Bury, there may be alterations, voluntary or involuntary, at wing-half.

Here, at the moment, the position is more than a little obscure, and four players have been named for the two positions.

In the first place, Bob Morton has strained his back muscles, and has spent this week having attention from the trainer.

He did not play in the practice match on Tuesday morning, and neither did Doug. Gardiner, who was nursing an ankle injury again.

Morton And Gardiner Have Injuries

YESTERDAY there was considerable doubt about whether Morton would be fit enough to play on Saturday, if required, and Daily Duncan told me, "He has got to be 100 per cent fit to play in a match like this, and I would not take any risks if he were not."

Similarly with Gardiner, for whom a rest may be contemplated, as he has been worried by ankle trouble quite a lot at different periods this season.

In any case, neither wing-half was really up to the mark last Saturday, and with doubts about their fitness, the manager may decide that the time is ripe to make changes here.

Places For Watkins And Shanks?

ACCORDINGLY, Charlie Watkins and Wally Shanks have been named among the players from whom the final choice will be made and they are down as alternatives for the wing-half positions.

Present indications are that Watkins will be found a place on one flank or the other and there is a strong possibility that Shanks will make his debut as a wing half in the League team.

So far, his experience here has been confined to a considerable part of the match at West Ham earlier in the season and to one outing for the Reserves against Birmingham recently.

Future May Lie In The Middle Line

ON both occasions he filled the bill admirably and I know there is a school of thought at Kenilworth-road which regards his future as being tied up with the middle line rather than the attack.

There is precedent for this, for without going very deep into the matter, I can recall that Fred Roberts was converted from an inside left to a very good left half and gave the Town extremely useful service in that position.

Incidentally, I met Fred when the Town played at Leicester recently.

Shanks Has Had A Bereavement

WHETHER Shanks will be included depends largely on circumstances, for he suffered a bereavement by the death of his mother during the week-end and had to make a hasty trip to Scotland.

He is expected back in time to play on Saturday, but final selection of the team will probably be delayed until he arrives.

Apart from the doubts about wing-half positions, there will be no other changes, except that the full-backs will be switched over. This was done originally for the match at Preston, so that Billy Cooke could mark Tom Finney.

Billy Cooke Is To Oppose Medley

SO well did the arrangement work, that the formation has been retained ever since, and neither Cooke nor Aherne is worried by a change of flank.

In fact, Aherne was at left back in Ireland's team against Wales yesterday. Motive behind the move, of course, is to pit Cooke against Medley, the 'Spurs outside left, who is regarded as the winger liable to cause the more danger.

Cooke is the stronger tackler of the two full-backs, and the manager is betting on his success in the past in keeping a tight hold on top-class wingers.

Forward Line Will Be Unchanged

FOR once in a way, there are no changes in the forward line which shaped promisingly enough last Saturday to merit a chance to settle down.

There is plenty of craft in the line which, as a whole, should be suited by the drier ground which can reasonably be expected for the most of the remaining matches this season.

Team:

Hughes; Cooke, Aherne; Watkins or Morton, Owen, Shanks or Gardiner; Glover, Kiernan, Jinks, Stobbart, Wyldes.

The Town are hoping that Aherne has come through the International match without injury, and, similarly, 'Spurs will be waiting anxiously for news that Billy Rees and Ron Burgess, who were in the Welsh team, are fit.

Town Players Were At Highbury

TWO Luton Directors, Messrs. Charles Jeyes (chairman) and A. F. England, together with the Chief Scout, Hubert Day, represented the club at Wrexham yesterday.

Manager Dally Duncan was not so far afield, but, he, too, was away on football business. After a morning of hard road work, most of the Town players were taken to Highbury to see the match between Arsenal and Middlesbrough.

This is the sort of break from normal training routine that the players always appreciate.

Spurs Expect To Be Unchanged

REPORT from White Hart-lane is that their players are free from injury and that, providing Rees and Burgess have come through yesterday's match without mishap, the team will be the same as that which won at Coventry last Saturday. Incidentally, in doing so, the Spurs did the Town a good turn.

Manager Arthur Rowe faces the weekly problem of whom to leave out of his forward line, and at the moment there is no place for Leslie Bennett, a very accomplished inside-forward.

Probable team — Ditchburn; Ramsey, Withers; Nicholson, Clarke, Burgess; Walters, Rees, Duquemin, Baily, Medley.

Three Have Avoided Defeat There

OF the 31 League matches they have played this season, Tottenham have lost only three, and, strangely enough, two of their defeats have been at White Hart-lane, where teams in the lower half of the table, Blackburn Rovers and Leicester City, took full points.

Brentford gained a point there, and these performances will give the Town grounds for hope.

One thing that is certain is that the crowd will be bigger than any that has watched Luton previously this season, for in their last five home matches Spurs have averaged over 60,000.

Doubts About The Reserve Team, Too

MEANWHILE, with the uncertainty existing about the first team line-up, and doubts about the fitness of three other players, Waugh, Wilson and Taylor, selection of the Reserves' team to entertain Leicester City in the Combination Cup has been put off until to-morrow.

Waugh injured an ankle at Coventry last Thursday when the Town were beaten 5—1, and will have to have a test before a decision can be made.

Taylor, too, is suffering from ankle trouble, and had an X-ray examination earlier this week. However, it is thought that he will be available.

Billy Arnison Making Good Progress

WILSON, too, who has had a spell on the inactive list because of a knee injury is likely to resume, and he was able to play in Tuesday's practice match. If all three are fit the Town should be able to put a strong team into the field.

News of Billy Arnison is good, and he is expected to begin full training on Monday.

If he continues to maintain his recent good progress there is quite a prospect of him being able to resume by Easter, which might possibly be a very vital period in the history of the Town club.

Young Goalkeeper Gets His Chance

VAUXHALL MOTORS resume their Spartan League programme with an attractive home match against Metropolitan Police, and they are continuing to make experiments with their team.

A second chance in this grade of football is given to the 18-years-old goalkeeper, Roy Cullis, and Joyner will be in the South Midlands League team along with Ayres, Brazier, Marriott, and Sharp, all of whom have held regular places in the Spartan League side this season. Team:

R. Cullis; K. Sturtin, G Cosgrove; K. Andrews, R. Lloyd, T. Pierce; R. Chappin, R. Brandham, L. Galloway, J. Biggs, A. Morgan.

HENRY PEARCE, of Luton, who has been given the biggest honour which a referee can attain during his career—that of controlling the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley.

President of the South Beds Society of Association Referees, Henry has had 22 years' experience as a referee, and he becomes the first Luton man to have charge of a peace-time Final.

His selection completes a notable double for Luton, for last season Percy Stevens refereed the Amateur Cup Final on the same ground.

The Amateur Choose From 12 Players

FOR their visit to Yiewsley in the Spartan League, Luton Amateur have not been able to announce their team as yet, but they have named 12 players from whom final selection will be made.

Both J. Williams and D. A. Smith have been receiving treatment for injuries, but it is hoped that both will be able to play, and that Vic Cooper, who missed last Saturday's match, will return. Team from:

T. O'Neill; J. Norman, D. Smith; R. Day, S. Fensome, J. Williams; D. A. Smith, K. Owens, V. Cooper, M. Green, A. Russell, D. Smith.

Amateur Did Not Shoot Well Enough

Luton Amateur 1, Amersham 2

After enjoying 70 per cent of the play the Amateur changed over at half-time two goals down in their Spartan League game.

Partly bad luck and partly bad finishing prevented the Luton team from taking an early lead, for G Smith and Owens both went close.

Then, ten minutes from the interval Amersham went ahead through ROSSER, who scored after good work by Herman. A minute later the Amateur had another shock when HEARNE lobbed the ball over O'Neill's head following a brilliant solo run.

After the interval, the home side again had plenty of the play, but for the most part they were unable to penetrate a solid defence.

RUSSELL did reduce their arrears, but apart from that goal they rarely looked like scoring.

LUTON AMATEUR: T O'Neill; J Norman, D Smith; R Day, S Fensome, J Williams; D A Smith, K Owens, B Smith, M Green, A Russell.

Youth League

Ten-Goal Feat By A Youth

B. Bowers, playing for Waterlow-road B.C. against Luton Boys' Club Colts in the 14—16 years Division of Luton and South Beds Youth League, scored 10 goals.

DIVISION 14/18 YRS "B"

Beechwood Y.C. 3, Sundon Park Y.C. 2 (G Parker, J Parker).
Old Beechillians "B" 2 (J Smith, D Geary), Sundon Y.C. 4 (S Hull 2, K Hull, K Isaac).

DIVISION 14/16 YRS

Greendale Ath 0, Langley Rngrs 6.
Waterlow-rd B.C. 13 (B Bowers 10, K Flecknell 2, B Groom), Luton Boys' Colts 2.
West Park Jnrs 1 (A Smith), 1st Luton Coy B.B. 1 (G Greening).
St Columba Y.C. 2, Caddington Y.C. 10 (B Pain 3, R Ginger 2, J Clark 2, J Morgan 2 H Mead).

Experimental Team Did Well

Bedford Town "A" 3, Hitchin-road Old Boys 4

Paying a visit to Bedford for a friendly match, Hitchin-road Old Boys' second team gave an excellent account of themselves and played entertaining football.

Their performance was even more creditable in the light of the fact that their forward line was largely experimental and several youngsters were included.

Bedford scored first but the Old Boys fought back, and HARBURN equalised. After the interval they applied more pressure, and KILBY, HODGES and ANDERSON (penalty) all scored.

This lead was maintained until the last few minutes, when Bedford retaliated and obtained two quick goals.

Hitchin-road Old Boys—S Toyer; D Bithrey, T Kilby; N Anderson, C Saunders, E Hewitt; J Harburn, D Soper, K Crawley, A Hodges, A Devlin.

Golf

Holed Out In One At South Beds

Playing on South Beds' course on Sunday morning, L. W Thomas holed in one at the 15th (115 yards).

Ronson Had First-Half "Hat-Trick"

Stewartby Works 0, Luton Town "A" 4.

Never at any time during this South Midlands League match at Stewartby did any other result but a win for the Town seem to be in prospect.

They dominated play from the start, and a first half "hat trick" by RONSON, home on leave from the Army, put them in a commanding position.

Although the home side fought hard to reduce their arrears, the Town had the better of the play again in the second half when their lead was increased by LAWTON.

The defence dealt capably with the home team's attacks, and Knight, a local youngster, showed much promise in goal. There was no weak spot in defence, and Aherne did well in a strange position.

Ronson had one of his best games for the club, and James's experience was a valuable asset to the rest of the team.

LUTON TOWN "A." — T. Knight; Thompson (J.), Aherne (W.); G. Turner, Ruffett, Horner; Slatter, B. Kirkup, Lawton, Ronson, James.

Brighter Town Win In Thrilling Finish

By Chiltern

LUTON TOWN ..... 2 BURY 1

The sands of time were running out at Kenilworth-road on Saturday, and it began to look as if the victory which everyone agreed was vital to the Town in this match was not to be.

Watches were being consulted anxiously, and most of the 14,365 spectators were resigned to the loss of another home point when the Town at last reaped the reward of a lot of previous good play and snatched the winning goal with three minutes to spare.

To Glover fell the chance to score the goal which was the most cheering sight the Town fans have had for months, and which enabled them to break what had become a monotonous run of home failures.

Jinks capped a very good afternoon's work by gaining possession of the ball through sheer persistency, and lifting it into the goalmouth.

Kiernan allowed it to pass to GLOVER, who was much better placed, and he drove it well out of the reach of Grieves, whose work had put paid to several earlier scoring efforts.

The start of the match suggested a runaway win for the Town, for they found gap after gap in the Bury defence by the sheer brilliance of their football.

Two good chances went astray, and twice as many fine saves by Grieves stopped the Town from getting goals, and by the time the fury of the first bout of pressure had burnt itself out, and Bury's forwards began to take an interest in the proceedings, the Town were still without the goals which had looked certain to come.

OMINOUS SIGN

This was probably regarded as an ominous sign by most of the fans, for we have seen something of the sort happen before, and then watched the Town go down to defeat.

There seemed a definite threat of this when Bury broke away and took the lead five minutes after the interval, when MASSART, ever on the look out for the odd chance, took advantage of some slack defensive work to beat Hughes with a low cross-shot.

The Lancashire team held this advantage for only five minutes, and then Kiernan made a grand dribble to present WYLDES with an easy task to gain the equaliser.

This was a brighter Town with an attack which looked more dangerous in front of goal, and which, with a little more luck in the run of the ball, would probably have scored more goals.

That is not to indicate that they were not guilty of inaccurate finishing at times—they were—but in the main there was more bite about the work of the forwards.

Part of this was attributable to the newcomer, Jinks, who surely fulfilled everybody's expectations, and the reception he gained at the end was indicative of the feelings of the Town supporters.

KEPT ATTACK MOVING

Although he did not score, he kept the line moving most smoothly, and apart from the accuracy of his passing, his weight made him a decided asset, and he always looked dangerous in front of goal.

Apart from a quiet spell in the first half, the inside forwards did their job well, with Kiernan the more prominent, though Stobbart put in much hard and useful work.

The late goal made the match for Glover, and he had some very good spells inter-mixed with some which were merely indifferent. There was, though, a good supply of centres from him.

The determined, persistent Wyldes did better after the interval than he did in the first half when an early missed chance may have sapped his confidence a little. However, he came up with an invaluable goal, and he made some excellent crosses.

A weakness in the Town team was at wing half, where neither Morton nor Gardiner reached anything approaching top form. Neither was certain enough in the tackle, and their use of the ball was inaccurate on far too many occasions. Both were triers, but things just did not seem to come off for them.

The rest of the defence was adequate enough, with Owen a commanding figure at centre-half and both Aherne and Cooke making useful contributions.

Cooke was both quick and decisive in the way in which he dealt with Hazlett, but Aherne found Bellis a little more troublesome.

Although he was probably taken by surprise by Massart's scoring shot, Hughes accomplished his work with considerable certainty, and he is gradually building for himself a big reputation.

LUTON TOWN: Hughes; Aherne, Cooke; Morton, Owen, Gardiner; Glover, Kiernan, Jinks, Stobbart, Wyldes.

BURY: Grieves; Fairclough, Griffiths (G); Whitworth, Hart, Bardsley; Hazlett, Worthington Massart, Bodle, Bellis.

Referee: R J Leafe, Nottingham.

Luton League

Shillington Take A Step Nearer To The Title

After dropping three points unexpectedly, Shillington regained their form last Saturday and went nearer to winning the championship of Division I of the Luton District and South Beds League.

Their victims were luckless Luton Crusaders, who are still without a League win this season, but they put up a plucky fight against the leaders, who did not have things all their own way, by any means.

While the title seems to be well within the grasp of Shillington, unless there are some very unexpected results, there is nothing out-and-dried about the battle for second place.

Four teams are level with 25 points each, Hitchin-road O.B., Cockernhoe, Eaton Bray and Luton Brewery, and Rootes Sports are only one point behind this batch.

Cockernhoe, weakened by injuries, missed a good chance of strengthening their challenge by losing narrowly to Eaton Bray, a success which has put them very much in the picture.

However, the claims of Luton Brewery cannot be ignored and they achieved the biggest win of the day by scoring 12 times against Baldock Old Boys.

Their chief marksman was Ron Stevens, former Luton Town player, who got the ball into the net seven times.

Rootes Sports were surprised by the resistance offered by Houghton Rangers and after a very hard-fought game, the teams came off having shared equally 10 goals.

LIMBURY O.B. RISE

There was a change at the other end of the table where Limbury O.B., following their success at Toddington, handed over the next-to-bottom place to Baldock O.B.

Leaving nothing to chance in their attempt to finish at the top of Division II are Caddington, for whom another former Town player, Fullarton, scored three in their 5—1 win over the strong Glendale team.

Their nearest rivals, Napier Sports, nearly slipped up against Kent's, for it was not until the closing minutes that they made certain of two precious points by snatching the winning goal.

Craig Athletic kept on the fringe of the struggle by their big win at Cockernhoe, where Bradley and Copley between them were responsible for eight of their nine goals.

Continuing their good spell, Chaul End gained an away win at Lilley, thanks to the opportunism of Harris, who scored all their four goals and are now fifth in the table.

Amalgamated Tobacco, who joined the League late and took over the fixtures of Streatley Sports, registered their first victory a narrow affair, against Farley Rangers. As a result, they hand over the wooden spoon to Davis Athletic.

SOCIAL'S NEW CAPTURE

Leaders of Division III, Luton Social, have been strengthened by the signing of Ken Chambers from Vauxhall Motors and, leading their line against Limbury, he scored two of their six goals.

With Totternhoe dropping a point to Shillington, Social increased their lead to two points.

Still picking up points and scoring plenty of goals—they passed the century mark on Saturday—are Heath United and they may well challenge the leaders before the end of the season.

Napier Sports registered their third win of the season by beating another lowly team, Electrolux, but are still facing the drop to Division IV, along with Royal Naval O.C., who lost heavily again.

Surprise in Division IV was the home defeat of Adamant Athletic, second from the top, by Old Beechillians, second from the bottom and the latter now move up above Harlington, who found Pioneer Corinthians too good for them.

In Division V, Bells Park celebrated their newly-won championship honour with a big win over Lilley and main interest here now is in the tight for runners-up medals.

At the moment R.A.F. Association hold a distinct advantage, but they dropped a point to Hart-hill Rangers who, with Walcot Athletic, are the chief rivals for this honour.

DIVISION I.

TODDINGTON ROVERS 1 (Bunker), LIMBURY O.B. 3 (Jones, Lawrence, Weston).
ROOTES SPORTS 5 (Giddins 3, Day 2), HOUGHTON RANGERS 5 (Turner 4, Godfrey).
EATON BRAY 2, COCKERNHOE 1 (Ward)
SHILLINGTON 4 (W Saunders 2, T Saunders, Cawdell) LUTON CRUSADERS 1 (Anderson).
LUTON BREWERY 12 (Stevens 7, Conquest 2, Hodge 2, A Grummitt), BALDOCK O.B. 2.

DIVISION II

CADDINGTON 5 (Fullarton 3, Upton, Currant), GLENDALE 1 (Young).
COCKERNHOE 1 (Farmer) CRAIG ATH 9 (Copley 4, Bradley 4, Pinnomey).
NAPIER SPORTS 2 (Kenrick, Cubberley), KENT'S ATH 1 (Humphrey).
AMALGAMATED TOBACCO 4 (Waddon 2, Garry, opponent), FARLEY RANGERS 3 (Lumb 2 Pearson).
LILLEY RANGERS 3 (Muddle 2, Perrins) CHAUL END ATH 4 (Harris 4).
PERCIVAL ATH 0, SPANDIT SPORTS 6.

DIVISION III

ELECTROLUX 1 (Adams), NAPIER SPORTS 2.
TOTTERNHOE 2 (Witts, Bull), SHILLINGTON 2 (Croft, Ansell).
HEATH UNITED 5 (Baines, Cutler, Minall, Higgs, Dale), KENSWORTH 1.
AVONDALE ATH 3 (K Peel 2 Driver), WEST PARK 2 (Costello 2).
OLD LUTONIANS 5 (Anderson, Whalley, Smith, Riches, Brown), SKEFKO ATH 1 (Randall).
LUTON SOCIAL 6 (Chambers 2, Miller 2, Brown, Bryant), LIMBURY 2 (Guy).
LEAGRAVE B.L. 6 (Waites 3 Marne 2, Bird), ROYAL NAVAL O.C. 0.

DIVISION IV

GLENDALE 5 (Burton 5) BARTON ROVERS 2.

LUTON UNITED 2 (Wright, Lucas) CHALTON ROVERS 1.
LUTON GAS WORKS 0, HORSESHOE ATH 2.
PIONEER CORINTHIANS 4 (Philpott 3, Smith) HARLINGTON 1.
SUNDON ST. MARY'S 5 (A Odell 2 R Day, R Roe, N Odell), PERCIVAL ATH 0.
ADAMANT ATH 1 (Palmer) OLD BEECHILLIANS 2 (Robbens, Stanton).

DIVISION V

BELLS PARK 7 (Hughes 3, King 3, Fensome), LILLEY RANGERS RES 1 (Impey).
ADAMANT ATH RES 0 EATON BRAY RES 6 (Bates 2, Maunders 2, Horne, Line).
LEA VALLEY 2 (E Marrington, Odell), VILLA ROVERS 7 (Blaxill 3, L Davie 2, Church 2).
KENSWORTH RES 1, WARDEN HILL ATH 4 (Pratt, R Cole, J Cole, Goodman).
LUTON SOCIAL RES 2 (Bryce, Jackson), CADDINGTOON "B" 3, (Austin 2, Mardle).
LUTON BREWERY RES 1, WALCOT ATH 3 (Parker, Ray, Startin).
HART HILL RANGERS 2 (Wright, Owen) R.A.F. ASSOCIATION 2.

Close Calls, But No Goals

Wolverton Town 0, Hitchin Road Old Boys 0

Both teams were unlucky not to score in this hard-fought match, and, in several cases, after the goalkeepers had been beaten, the ball was cleared off the goal-line by the full-backs.

The Old Boys had slightly more of the play, and once the Wolverton goalkeeper held Ingle's arm to prevent him from scoring from close range. From the resultant penalty, Ingle's shot was saved.

On one occasion, too, Tottingham was well beaten, but the ball hit the upright and was scrambled away.

Hitchin Road Old Boys: R. Tottingham; J. Burgess, J. Nelson; W. Day, B. McCrum, A. R. Brown; C. Firmin, E. Dirn, C. Ingle, A. Strapp, H. Hillier.

Rugby

O.B.s Win Hard Local "Derby"

Old Lutonians 6, Vauxhall 3

Spoiling tactics were naturally to the fore in this local "derby" which was played at a cracking pace, and under ideal conditions.

The Old Boys were perhaps a trifle more aggressive than their opponents, but their victory, once again, was due more to fine defensive work than to any brilliance in attack.

Vauxhall had most of the ball from the scrums in the first half, but the Old Boys' defence was proof against all attacks. Muse, in particular, was almost unbeatable, and it was he who opened the score with a penalty goal from the touch-line.

The Old Boys drew further ahead when Jeffs crowned a spell of pressure by diving over for a try just before half-time.

The Motors fought back gamely after the change over, without coming very near to scoring, except when Holmes made a beautiful interception and raced through to score between the posts. The kick was charged down.

Muse once again joined the attack and forced his way over the line with three defenders clinging to him, but he was unable to ground the ball cleanly. The game ended with defences still on top.

Old Lutonians "A" Had Nothing To Spare

Vauxhall "A" 3, Old Lutonians "A" 6

Emulating their senior side, the Old Lutonians' second string defeated Vauxhall "A" by a try and a dropped goal to a try.

The home side had a slight slope in their favour during the first half, and the Old Boys found themselves three points behind at the interval following a good try by the Motors.

After the change-over Old Lutonians attacked strongly, and after several unsuccessful long-distance penalty kicks, managed to equalise through a dropped goal by Ironmonger.

A tendency to hang on to the ball too long prevented further scoring until Bavister forced his way over for the decisive try to give the Old Boys victory in a hard-fought and incident free game.

Hockey

Kent's Unbeaten Run Came To An End

Bletchley 4, Kent's Ath 1

After 12 consecutive games without defeat Kent's were decisively beaten by a team which played open, lively hockey and who were not disheartened when NIGHTINGALE opened the scoring for Kent's against the run of the play.

The visitors had their chances, and the home goalkeeper made some good saves, but Kent's defence was shaky, and misunderstandings let the Bletchley forwards through.

Result of a mixed match played on Sunday: Kent's Ath 5, Bondor 2.

FOOTBALL

LUTON TOWN F.C.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

SATURDAY, MARCH 11th

TOWN RESERVES

v.

LEICESTER CITY RESERVES

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

ADMISSION: Centre Stand 2/-; Stand and Enclosure 1/6; Boys 1/-. Ground (under cover) 1/3. Ground (Kenilworth Road) 1/-. Boys 9d.

LONDON MID-WEEK LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15th

LUTON TOWN "A"

v.

Q.P.R. "A"

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

ADMISSION:

TO STAND ONLY, 1/-

Luton District And South Beds Football League

Applications are invited from clubs with suitable grounds and accommodation for membership in the proposed formation of a Premier Division of the above League.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 25th, and addressed to the Hon. General Secretary, H. C. Oliver, 17, Mayne Avenue, Leagrave, Luton

Billiards

Rivals Draw In Vital Match

Rivals for the championship of Division I of the billiards section of Luton and District Clubs' League, Conservative and Liberal Clubs, drew in a vital match.

This still leaves the issue open, and an exciting finish is in prospect.

BILLIARDS

DIVISION I

Luton Social 4, Vauxhall 0
Leagrave Legion 3, Beech Hill 1
Luton Cons 2, Liberal "A" 2

DIVISION II

Beech Hill 1, Luton Cons 3
Luton Liberal 2, Luton Labour 2

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	Pts	G
Luton Cons	19	13	5	1	108	54
Luton Liberal	18	12	5	1	100	50
Luton Social	20	6	6	8	82	41
Vauxhall	18	5	8	5	76	38
Luton Labour	17	6	5	6	64	32
Beech Hill	18	3	3	12	48	24
Leagrave Legion	20	2	4	14	42	21

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	Pts	G
Luton Cons	16	12	3	1	100	50
Beech Hill	14	9	2	3	68	34
High Town	14	6	2	6	46	23
Labour	14	2	4	8	42	21
Liberal	14	0	5	9	32	16

SNOOKER

DIVISION II

Luton Social 2, Labour "A" 2
High Town 3, Davis "B" 1
Davis "A" 2 Percival 2
Beech Hill 4, Dominion Social 0
Labour "B" 3, Leagrave Legion 1

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	Pts	G
High Town	19	13	4	2	110	55
Luton Cons	19	13	3	3	104	52
Labour "A"	18	10	6	2	94	47
Luton Social	19	10	5	4	94	47
Beech Hill	19	8	4	7	80	40
Labour "B"	19	7	5	7	70	35
Percival	19	5	6	8	68	34
Leagrave Legion	19	5	4	10	66	33
Davis "A"	19	5	5	9	64	32
Davis "B"	19	2	6	11	54	27
Dominion	19	0	3	6	28	14

South Midlands League

Potton Not In A Strong Position Now

Gradually the gap between Potton United and the rest of the field in the South Midlands League (Premier Division)) championship race has been closed.

Now the position is that they are in considerable danger of being passed by both Wootton Blue Cross and Rushden Town, who made up leeway on Saturday.

Following their heavy defeat by Luton Town "A" the previous week, Rushden restored the confidence of their supporters by thrashing Peartree Old Boys, who are now near the relegation zone.

Luton teams in this Division met with mixed fortune, and the best performance was put up by the Town "A" who won at Stewartby and are now third from the bottom.

Hitchin-road O.B. did well to return with a point from Wolverton, but Vauxhall Motors met with an unexpected setback at Stony Stratford.

As usual, Baldock and Letchworth picked up full points in Division I, and the most interesting happening here was that Davis Athletic added one to their meagre store of points.

In Division II (Section "A"), Houghton Rangers were given their hardest test for some time by Electrolux, but still gained the points.

PREMIER DIVISION

Arlesey Tn 5, Bicchley Tn 3
Kempston Rvrs 1, Cambridge Tn 3
Rushden Tn 7, Pearuree Old Boys 0
Stewartby Wks 0, Luton Tn "A" 4
Stony Stratford Spts 1, Vauxhall Mtrs 0
Wolverton Tn 0, Hitchin-rd O.B. 0
Wootton B.C. 3, Bedford St Cuthbert's 1

DIVISION I

Baldock Tn 3, Percival Ath 1
Lynton Wks 3, Bedford Corinthians 4
Davis Ath 1, AC-Sphinx 1
Kent's Ath 3, Shefford Tn 5
St Neots and Dist 0, Letchworth Tn 1
Waterlow's 3, Queen's Wks 4

DIVISION II

Section "A"

AC-Sphinx 0, Leighton Utd 0
Electrolux 2, Houghton Rngrs 3
Vauxhall Mtrs 8, Skefko Ath 1

Section "B"

Bedford N'th End 1, Stewartby Wks 1
Bedford St Cuthbert's 3, Wootton B.C. 2
St Neots St Mary's 0, Marston S Rvrs 3

Table Tennis

England Made A Clean Sweep

Nearly 1,000 table tennis fans at the Vauxhall canteen on Saturday evening saw a strong English team beat an American team 9—0. This was the first time in the history of international matches between the two countries that America have been defeated.

After winning the first game of the evening the Americans looked as if they might repeat previous successes, but they found themselves fighting a losing battle for the rest of the time.

Making his debut in the senior international team was 19 years-old Michael Thornhill, who played intelligently and forcefully to beat his American opponent Gordon Barclay, a former National Junior Champion and a Swaythling Cup player, in two straight games.

Two more young players, who have played for England before, were Diane and Rosalind Rowe, Middlesex twins, who showed almost uncanny anticipation of each other's play, and beat two of the top ranking American women, Mildred Shahain and Mac Clouther.

The English captain, Johnny Leach, had a great victory over the American captain, Jimmy McClure, who has three times shared in winning the men's doubles world championship.

Results were: Men's singles: M. Thornhill beat G. Barclay 21-6, 21-11; A. W. C. Simons beat W. C. Gundlach 21-14, 21-11; J. Leach beat J. H. McClure 21-16, 21-15. Ladies' singles: M. Jones beat M. Clouther 15-21, 21-19, 23-21; Miss D. Beregi beat Mrs. R. K. Monness 21-16, 21-16; Miss P. Franks beat Miss M. Shahain 21-13, 21-17. Men's doubles: A. W. C. Simons and M. Thornhill beat W. Gundlach and G. Barclay 21-12, 15-21, 24-22.

Ladies' doubles: Miss D. Rowe and Miss R. Rowe beat Miss M. Shahain and Mrs. M. Clouther 21-15, 21-14. Mixed doubles: J. Leach and Miss P. Franks beat J. McClure and Mrs. R. K. Moness 21-17, 21-8.

Both Kimpton Teams Were Beaten Again

Effra Sales 5, Kimpton Rovers 3

Kimpton Rovers lost again on Saturday in their Mid Herts League, Division III, game, although they did not admit defeat until the final whistle. Durrant played a great game for the Rovers and scored twice. Mead obtained their other goal.

Kimpton Reserves, playing their last fixture in Division V, were defeated yet again. They lost to Sandridge "A" 3—1. The Reserves have only won one league match this season.

Greyhound Racing

Runners And Selections For Luton On Saturday

6.30 (410yds).—213 Beano; 642 Blue Romance; 134 Frances; 234 House Warmer; 623 Mad Hatter; 346 Waistcoat. Reserve: 422 Brownie.

6.50 (470yds).—265 Bue Bob; 454 Dark Again; 121 Dark Hazard; 536 Ferdinand; 211 Grace Style; 635 Lazy Blackie. Reserve: 531 Sandy.

7.10 (410yds).—6 Blackwater; 123 Eastern Silver; Eee Flip (Mar 3, tp 3 24-84; Mar 4, tp 3, 24-63); 14 Little Maisie; 526 Motley; 341 Silver Jet. Reserve: 132 Dark Weather.

7.30 (470yds).—421 Como; 136 Ginger; 625 Happy Mick; 531 Wonder; 553 Sirloin; 154 Snock. Reserve: 644 Long Legs.

7.50 (410yds).—416 Canol; 613 Claus; 441 Joe Rook; 466 Paul Temple; 111 Pop; 614 Winksworth. Reserve: 253 Miss Primrose.

8.10 (410yds).—345 Danilo; 232 Feet First; 451 Karlie; (Rosemore Lad (Feb 9, tp 2, 24-7); Feb 15, tp 3, 24-75); 2 Sonny D; 14 Waffles. Reserve: 22 Clancy.

8.30 (470yds).—433 Allen's Mate; 5 Lane's End; 36 Neapolitan; 523 No Limit; 566 Suzanne; 6 Tulsa. Reserve: 226 Star Signal.

8.50 (410yds).—561 Late Edition; 514 Metropolitan; 516 Min's Pal; 134 Old Road; 371 Popoff; 4 Wewack. Reserve: 321 Sky-Rider.

SELECTIONS

6.30 Beano (House Warmer, Blue Romance).
6.50 Grace Style (Dark Hazard, Lazy Blackie).
7.10 Silver Jet (Eastern Silver, Little Maisie).
7.30 I Wonder (Como, Happy Mick).
7.50 Pop (nap) (Claus, Joe Rook).
8.10 Sonny D. (Karlie, Rosemore Lad).
8.30 Allen's Mate (Suzanne, Lane's End).
8.50 Popoff (Wewack, Late Edition).

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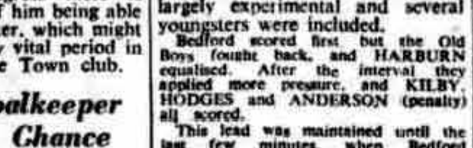

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